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Group Art Unit: 1624
Applicants: Guy Benchley et al.
For: THIAZOLES USEFUL AS INHIBITORS OF PROTEIN KINASES

May 30, 2006
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the March 29, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application. A reply was due on April 29, 2006. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time up to, and including, May 30, 2006.¹ Consequently, this reply is timely submitted.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin at page 47 of this Reply.

¹ With the extension of time, a reply was due May 29, 2006, which was a federal holiday. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a), the reply may be filed the next business day.